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USDA puts sewer project on hold

Emergency meeting held

By Paula Ouimette
Staff Writer

HARDWICK –The town received a notice from the USDA last week announcing the nearly \$30 million sewer project would be put on hold because the town has been unable to have Eagle Hill School agree to take a \$1.8 million buy-out to end the sewer agreement between the two parties.

After receiving notification

the project was now on hold, an emergency meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and Sewer Commission was held Wednesday, March 31, at 12:07 p.m. via Microsoft Teams. Over 50 people attended the remote meeting.

USDA Director Jennifer Lerch sent an email to all parties involved in the \$1.8 million contract settlement between the town of Hardwick and Eagle Hill School. The USDA required the contract with Eagle Hill School be settled before they could release funds to start the almost \$30 million project that includes work in Gilbertville,

Wheelwright and the Hardwick Common. According to the email that Lerch sent, the status of the project is now on hold as an agreement was not reached with Eagle Hill School.

Board of Selectmen Chair Kenan Young read from the email, in which Lerch gave an overview of the project and the USDA's requirement that the contract with Eagle Hill School be bought out by the town, and the school restored to full payment status for sewer use. Lerch said a response from Eagle Hill School's Board of Trustees to the town's request for a contract settlement was required.

Instead, Lerch said in her email, she received a response from Eagle Hill School Headmaster, Dr. PJ McDonald. According to Lerch's email, "EHS has not accepted the intended offer for prepayment and in fact has responded with a demand for special rate consideration in exchange for prepayment approval. Not returning EHS to rate paying status will necessitate a significant sewer user rate increase to the residents of the Town, something the Agency will not support."

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File photo

Department of Public Health regulators held a conference call on April 1 to hear community concerns about Baystate Health's request to close Mary Lane's emergency services by June.

Residents, officials ask DPH to postpone Mary Lane closure

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – State politicians, local officials and several residents spoke out against the proposed closure of Mary Lane's satellite emergency facility during a conference call held by the Department of Public Health on April 1. DPH officials said they would make a determination within 15 days on the request by Baystate Health to end services at Mary Lane.

Baystate Health announced in late January that the Mary Lane campus will close over the next two years due to declining patients and \$5 million in maintenance and other issues at the hospital building. The company wants to close emergency services as well as cancer treatment by June, offering those services at Wing Hospital in Palmer and Springfield, respectively.

Resident Natalie Imbier tearfully told regulators that her

son was found unresponsive at the bottom of the stairs of his Hardwick home last fall, and only just made it in time to Mary Lane, where he received immediate care and was stabilized. She said he had a previously undiagnosed issue, and if he had had to go farther for initial treatment, he likely would have died. He spent two months in the hospital and is now at home recovering. "An emergency room is definitely needed in this area," she said.

Resident Catherine Buelow-Cascio said it was unacceptable the campus was closing, and pointed to numerous changes by Baystate that have led to this last closure. She said closing maternity, intensive care and in-patient care has led to reduced use of Mary Lane.

State Sen. Anne Gobi, D-Spencer, pointed out Baystate Health unveiled its plans for a \$208 million hospital of the

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Town Election is Monday at Town Hall

Contested SelectBoard seats to be decided

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – The Annual Town Election will be held Monday, April 12, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., at the Town Hall, 126 Main St.

Parking is available on Main St. in the Municipal Parking Lot for all. Handicap accessible parking is also available in this lot. A traffic officer will be on duty to insure for the safety of voters during the hours of voting.

There is one contested race, as there are four people running for two, three-year seats on the SelectBoard. Alan G. Whitney and Keith J. Kruckas, who serve as chairman and vice chairman, respectively, and are running for re-election.

Joshua A. Kusnierz, who is the town tree warden and a member of the Planning Board, is also running as is Caitlin Maureen McCarthy, who has her own metal art business.

There are no other contested seats this year.

Moderator Kathleen H. Coulombe, is running for re-election to another three-year term as the person who guides Annual and Special Town Meetings; School Committee members Michael C. Foran and Julie A.F. Slattery are running for re-election to three-year terms; and John Desmond is running for a three-year term on the Board of Health, where he has previously served.

Kimberly E. Swarts is running for re-election to a three-year term as Park Commissioner, Craig R. Simmons is running for re-election to a three-year term as Park Commissioner and John E. Carroll is running for election for a one-year unexpired term as a Park Commissioner. Carroll has been serving a vacancy as Park Commissioner for most of the past year now.

Richard A. Starodoj is running for re-election to a five-year Planning Board seat and Jonathan J. Hogan is seeking re-election to a five-year term on the Ware Housing Authority.

No one submitted papers to run for the three-year term on the Board of Assessors.

Board requires audit before new town software is used

STM Open Meeting Law complaints filed

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – At their Monday meeting, SelectBoard members voted 4-0-1 not to transfer the town's financial data to a new financial software package until the town completes a financial audit of Town Hall departments. SelectBoard member Nancy Talbot abstained. She is also the Town Clerk.

"No software should be installed until a complete financial audit is done," said SelectBoard Vice Chairman Keith Kruckas. "It should have been done a year ago."

Several years ago the town audited the Fire Department and at that time committed to auditing

other departments in following years.

The board chose to focus on Town Hall services such as the town accountant and tax collector, but an audit did not get scheduled this year. Town Manager Stuart Beckley recently told the board the budget does not include audit funds, which is estimated to cost between \$12,000 and \$15,000. He said voters would be asked to approve the money for it at the Annual Town Meeting currently scheduled for May 24.

Voters passed the article for new financial software at the March 27 STM held in the Ware Junior Senior High School parking lot, with voters remaining in their cars. The financial software package, which would be installed over three years, cost the town about \$99,000, although Town Accountant Tracy Meehan secured a grant of \$149,000 as well.

Ware participates in As Schools Match Wits

Students to be on WGBY Saturday night

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – This Saturday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m., residents can tune into WGBY to see Ware Junior Senior High School students putting their academic skills to work on the channel's As Schools Match Wits show.

Viewers will catch them competing against Lee High School students in this, the show's 60th year.

WJSHS history teacher Nicholas Vantangoli has had a tradition of advising a team every year to participate in the academic battles.

Beth Ward hosts the show, which is open to both public and private high school students throughout western Massachusetts, northern Connecticut and southern



Host Beth Ward asks questions of students during WGBY's As Schools Match Wits show. Ware students will be featured with Lee High School this Saturday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m.

Vermont. It is the longest-running show of its kind in the nation, according to the station.

Each season 50 schools go head-to-head in qualifying matches to see which team can earn the most points. The eight highest-scoring teams then compete in playoff matches to determine the

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Riddle me this, Easter Bunny

WARREN – The Recreation Commission offered children a chance to solve Easter riddles and get plenty of treats throughout town Saturday. Participating children received all kinds of treats such as Easter eggs with candy, Easter masks, popcorn and planting kits, and a chance to see the Easter Bunny.

There were eight locations, the Shepard Building, Lucy Stone Park, Quaboag Regional Middle High School, Dean Park, the Town Common, the Warren Senior Center and Fountain Construction. All participants ended up back at the Shepard Building, where a family or child photo could be taken with the Easter Bunny.

The Recreation Commission had help from many groups including the QRMHS's National Honor Society members, Warren Elementary PTO, Friends of Lucy Stone Park and the Senior Center.

Children got a first-hand look at the Easter Bunny.



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Are You Old News?

Each week the Ware River News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured.

Email your answers by Monday at noon to ekennedy@turley.com.

Last week's photo showed the trophy winners in the Video League. Joyce Milton identified the top bowlers, who are, left to right, Brian Pratt, Scott Moody, Brian Skutnik and Chris Milton. It ran on April 7, 1983.

If anyone knows the people in this week's photo, please send their names and your full name to ekennedy@turley.com.

Vacation week arts program celebrates pets

By Paula Ouimette
Staff Writer

WARE -- Workshop13, located at 13 Church St., is offering a number of programs to keep children busy during April vacation week, April 19 to 23, with "Reigning Cats, Dogs, and All Creatures Great and Small!"

On Monday, April 19, and Tuesday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to 1p.m., children ages 7 to 12 can paint their own pet's likeness with "Pet Portraits – Mixed Media." Participants should bring a photo of their pet for reference; all other materials will be provided. All works of art created during this program will be showcased at ArtWorks Gallery's upcoming art exhibition "It's Reigning Cats & Dogs," to be held at 69 Main St., from May 22 to June 27. The individual portraits will all be the same size in order to be incorporated into a larger wall display. Portraits can be taken home at the conclusion of the of the exhibition on June 17. The cost of this program is \$35.

Children, ages 8 and up, can learn the art of wool felting on Wednesday, April 21, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during "Felted Landscape with Bunnies!" Participants will learn how to use both needle and wet felting techniques to create a "painting" with colorful wool fibers. The cost of this program is \$35.

On Thursday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., children ages 7 and up can experience the fun of a paint and sip with "Groovy Cat on Canvas!"

Participants will follow the instructor to create their own portrait of a fun, groovy cat while enjoying delicious fruit mock-tails. The cost of this program is \$45.

"Pinch Pot Pets!" for children ages 7 and up will be held Friday, April 23, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at ClayWorks, 71 Main St. Participants will hand build a clay pinch pot pet in this premier workspace. All items created will be food-safe upon firing, which will take approximately four to six weeks. The cost of the program is \$45.

The final program offered during vacation week, is made possible by grant funding from the Ware Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

"Theater in Strange Times!" is a four-day theatrical workshop held Monday, April 19, through Thursday, April 22, from 2 to 5 p.m. Geared toward ages 8 and up, participants will enjoy theater games, learn improvisation, storytelling, prop making and character building. They will work together to write monologues and scripts to create their own theatrical production to perform for an audience made up of family and friends on Thursday, April 22, at 5 p.m. The cost of the program is \$65.

Financial aid is available upon request. Class sizes are limited and all COVID-19 protocols will be strictly followed. Masks or other face coverings must be worn. To register, people may visit workshop13.org or call 413-277-6072.

Dog ordered confined to property

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – At their Monday meeting, the SelectBoard ordered a dangerous dog to be muzzled and leashed when it is outdoors, that it's owner to complete an eight-foot high fence and to continue behavior management sessions in the wake of it attacking a neighboring dog.

The hearing came after a Howard Street resident complained about a March 17 attack on her dog. Julie Nicolliello, who lives on Howard Street, said her leashed dog was attacked by her neighbor's dog, which was not restrained. The owners of the unrestrained dog are Keith McConnell and Jenafer Kularski. Nicolliello said her dog later died from an infection caused by the attack.

Animal Control Officer Sydney Plante said the dog had been evaluated and it was deemed not to be aggressive, and she suggested the dog be restrained and muzzled outside. Kularski said she had also put in baby gates at each door to prevent the dog from getting out.

Nicolliello and other residents said the dog was still being seen loose in the neighborhood but Kularski said to her knowledge it had not been lose since the day of the attack. Nicolliello and another neighbor said Kularski's dog, which is a German shepherd, shook her smaller dog while holding it in his its mouth.

The next time the dog is seen loose, the dog will be euthanized per the selectmen's order. Municipal officials can no longer order a dog rehomed out of town.

"It's not negotiable," said SelectBoard Chairman Alan Whitney to Kularski about making sure her dog is always leashed and muzzled when it leaves the house. "If it happens again it's not the dog's fault, it's your fault." Kularski must also notify her insurance company about the dog's behavior and make sure the insurance will cover such instances.

Old Gilbertville Road parcels

The board also chose to waive its right of first refusal of three lots at 150 Old Gilbertville Road. The property has previously been considered recreational, and since the owner received a tax break on it, the town gets first crack at whether it wants to buy it.

SelectBoard members said the town did not have a use for it. One of the three lots has a house on it, and the property is assessed for \$385,000, according to Town Manager Stuart Beckley. The property abuts land owned by the East Quabbin Land Trust.

Town counsel search

SelectBoard members will hear from law firms such as Kopelman & Paige, generally know as KP Law, and Bacon & Wilson, who will replace existing Town Counsel David Wocjik.

Annual Town Meeting

SelectBoard voted to hold the Annual Town Meeting on May 24, a few weeks later than it is usually held.

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season's champion. Contestants are quizzed about literature, history, current events, sports, entertainment, art, music, science and general knowledge.

Senior Shawn Santiago said this is his third year on the show. "When I first did this, I had no idea what I was getting into, but I knew I liked the game show, Jeopardy, and ever since then I've really enjoyed it," he said. "The experience is really great and being on TV is always a perk."

He enjoys the random questions that cover a broad area of knowledge, from questions about literature to those about goldfish.

Student Tony He went for the first time this year, although he was on the team last year. "I like math and science and history, and enjoys the random nature of the questions as well.

Student Nathan Fales was also enthusiastic about his participation for the first time. "I loved it, it was a great experience," he said. "I'm a big geography nerd and I like knowing where all the countries are on the map. I also like literature and math and science." He is less fond of questions about older plays and novels.

All three students said they, and their friends and family are looking forward to viewing the show.

Vantangoli has been a fan of the show at least since the 1990s, when he competed on it a high school team.

"It's just such a great opportunity for students to showcase themselves and their knowledge in a non-athletic arena," he said. High schools focus many times skills shown on the athletic field, and this gives students a chance to shine academically. "And I say



Courtesy photos
Ware Junior Senior High School students taking part in WGBY's As Schools Match Wits, the academic competition show. At right on the screen are Nathan Fales, Tony He and Shawn Santiago. Their competition against Lee High School will be seen on WGBY this Saturday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m.

that as a football coach," he said.

When he competed, teams moved on as they won each competition, but these days teams win or lose their one competition.

This year things were a little different due to COVID-19 restrictions, he said. Each student was in their own classroom to provide social distancing space, he said, instead of standing together in a game show set.

It also meant students were not able to meet and mingle with other students so everyone was safe, but hopefully that can change once the virus is under control.

The show was created by Westfield State University alumnus Leonard Collamore and its first broadcast was in October 1961.

In 2006, the program almost ended when its longtime home, WWLP in Springfield, reluctantly canceled the program to align its schedule with the requirements of

a new parent company. The show was kept on the air through a creative partnership between WWLP and the show's new co-producers: Westfield State University and WGBY-57.

The program is produced on the campus of Westfield State by a crew of students and alumni from the university, and airs each week on WGBY-57, Springfield's local public television station. It is held at Westfield State University. The show draws the majority of its content from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education curriculum frameworks, and allows students to demonstrate and celebrate their academic achievement. Up to 50 high schools from the region compete on As Schools Match Wits each season. In recent years the Massachusetts Teachers Association has been the major underwriter for the show.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. One who manufactures

6. Science degree

9. Database management system

13. Desert

14. Inventor Musk

15. Welsh valley

16. Round Dutch cheese

17. Saying

18. Comedian and TV host

19. Uppermost portions of the brain

21. City in Transylvania

22. Where astronauts go

23. Men's hairstyle

24. Indicates position

25. One point east of due south

28. Businessmen may have one

29. Grass part

31. Running back Gurley

33. Unwavering

36. Options

38. Annoy

39. Greek mountain

41. Pastas

44. Fishes

45. Wrap

46. Potentially a criminal (slang)

48. Seize

49. The Constitution State

51. Upset

52. 1991 men's Wimbledon champ

54. Central Chinese province

56. Predisposition

60. A notice of someone's death

61. One-time Kentucky Rep.

62. Swiss river

63. Dried-up

64. Finger millet

65. __ Allan Poe

66. German river

67. Brew

68. Kenyan river

CLUES DOWN

1. Millisecond

2. Acts as military assistant

3. Knot in a tree

4. Husband-and-wife industrial designers

5. The Ocean State

6. Point the finger at

7. Parts in a machine

8. Midway between northeast and east

9. Portray precisely

10. Blister

11. Mental illness

12. Nose of an animal

14. What students receive

17. Semitic peoples

20. Beats per minute

21. Family of drugs

23. Atrocious

25. Type of microscope (abbr.)

26. __ or bust

27. Icelandic poems

29. A citizen of Pakistan

30. Very pale

32. Metric linear unit

34. Sea eagle

35. Biblical judge of Israel

37. Isaac's mother (Bib.)

40. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)

42. Cool!

43. Large hotel room

47. Type of boat (abbr.)

49. Picked

50. Type of hookah

52. Attack

53. Directs

55. Belgian WWII resistance fighter

56. Finished negotiation

57. Heroic tale

58. Middle Eastern country

59. Protein-rich liquids

61. Malaysian Isthmus

65. Spielberg's alien

Turkey dinner drive-thru April 19

WARE – United Church of Ware, 49 Church St., will offering a take-out only, drive-thru turkey dinner on Monday, April 19, from 5 to 6 p.m. The cost is \$12 per meal. Cash and check are accepted. People can drive up to the Church Street side of the church building and a runner will come to their car to take their meal order. Meals will then be delivered to the car. People do not need to get out of their cars to order or receive meals. Reservations are not required.

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Their complaints also state that a voter twice requested that Town Moderator Kathleen Coulombe provide the exact count on certain votes. She said she was counting them in her head and could see that the approval cards definitely outnumbered the negative cards.

Barnes also said in his complaint that Coulombe shut Kruckas down during the STM when he tried to say he was concerned about the financial software package and wanted to tell voters the audit should be completed first.

Coulombe told Kruckas he needed to ask a question, then told him to stop talking when he continued. She then asked Kruckas be escorted out of the STM. Kruckas was escorted to the side of the building by Police Chief Shawn Crevier. SelectBoard Chairman Alan Whitney and Beckley also accompanied hi. Town Counsel was then called, who advised that if Kruckas was no longer creating a disturbance, he should be allowed to remain.

Barnes' OML complaint requests the March 27 STM be

held over again on the same day of another STM scheduled for April 24. That STM will take up the issue of whether voters want the town to borrow or otherwise pay for a \$13.3 water filtration plant.

Tax Collector Erica Brunelle said she was very disappointed that she and Meehan had not been told the software would be discussed at the meeting. The item was not on the SelectBoard's agenda, but was brought up at the beginning of the meeting.

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future, yet it won't support a facility in part because it would have to spend \$5 million over the next few years on Mary Lane's Building.

"Mary Lane has been an integral part of that community," she said speaking of Ware. "Baystate Health has asked for our assistance and support, yet when Baystate made a decision to close, I found out first from a reporter. There is a total lack of communication and it continues today."

Gobi said to close the facility, in the middle of a pandemic, makes no sense. "They've decide Ware, 'you're not worth it,'" she said of Baystate officials.

State Rep. Todd Smola, R-Warren, said he and other elected officials were shocked when Baystate Health announced

it planned to close Mary Lane's emergency services by June.

He requested the DPH consider having Baystate Health keep the emergency facility in place for another year, which would give the town and surrounding areas more time to plan for the closure. "I ask that you drill down for that data," he said, referring to Baystate's plans on closure and its numbers regarding daily ambulance arrivals.

"The data doesn't match up, we want to know who collected it, assembled it and where they got it," he said.

Ware Fire Chief Christopher Gagnon echoed what Smola said, saying he felt "the data(from Baystate) is a little bit skewed. To come to us in February and say we're closing emergency services in three months is a little bit irresponsible. Frankly, it's going to have a huge impact on

us all."

Smola also decried the lack of communication from Baystate Health officials and the difficulties of emergency services in Ware and other towns in having to make the trip nine or 10 miles away to Palmer in the face of a future bridge project on Route 32 that should start this year.

State Rep. Donald Berthiaume, R-Spencer, also said Baystate has not communicated with area officials. "It's absolutely horrible," he said. Baystate officials are also "acting like it's a done deal," he said, asking the regulators to be diligent in looking into the health care company's request.

Ware SelectBoard Chairman Alan Whitney said he agreed with what Gobi, Smola and Berthiaume said, adding he had hoped there would be an open and honest discussion with

Baystate about the process, which hasn't happened.

SelectBoard member Thomas Barnes said the town has major transportation issues for many residents, and that there are a number of low and moderate income people who won't have a place to get care in town if the services close. He also said he was worried about how the pending bridge project on Route 32 would affect the ability to get patients to emergency services in a timely manner outside the town.

Town Manager Stuart Beckley asked the regulators to consider whether money from the original Gilbert Trust, which was used to create the hospital over 100 years ago, should be used to continue providing healthcare for Ware residents. He also asked regulators to postpone the closure of emergency services for a year.

Hardwick election is Monday at HES

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

HARDWICK – Voters will go to the polls Monday, from 10 a.m. to 8 a.m., at the Hardwick Elementary School. Voting will be held in the gymnasium with no access from the cafeteria.

There are two contested races, that of selectmen and Gilbertville-Wheelwright Water Pollution Control sewer commissioner, with incumbent Kenan Young looking to be re-elected to both positions, and facing a challenge from H. Robert Ruggles. The other candidates are Kathryn W. Hosley for a three-year term as assessor, Judith Berg Kohn, for a three-year term on the Board of Health, Stanley H. Remiszewski, for a two-year term on the Board of Health, Erik L. Fleming and Eic W. Volheim, for two, three-year term on the Board of Health, Christopher M. Buelow and Jennifer E. Garvey, for two terms as Paige Memorial Library Trustees, Stanley D. White as a write-in candidate for a five-year term as a Paige Agricultural Fund Trustee as no one took out papers for that seat.

No one took out papers for the three-year K-12 Quabbin Regional School Committee. Edward N. Kelly, who was coming to the end of his three-year term chose not to seek re-election.

Ware Grange offers Gobi speaking about agricultural issues

WARE – State Sen. Anne Gobi will speak about current agricultural issues and legislation at a virtual meeting of the Ware Grange on Monday, April 19, at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend. For the link to attend the meeting, please email waregrange@com-cast.net.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary announces scholarships

PALMER – The Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary has announced applications are now being accepted for their annual scholarship program.

“Despite the current COVID-19 virus restrictions, limiting the group’s ability to fundraise, the Auxiliary members are proud to continue their annual tradition of offering seven \$1000 scholarships to area students,” said Teresa Grove, Auxiliary vice president.

Scholarship application information: All applications must be submitted via email by April 27.

Seven, one-year scholarships will be awarded by the Baystate Wing Auxiliary in May.

Each scholarship will be in the amount of \$1,000. Applicants

must be planning to pursue a career in health care and must be accepted into an accredited health care program such as nursing, medicine, physical therapy, occupational therapy, radiology, pharmacy, medical technology as well as other health care-related fields.

A student who is graduating from Ware, Belchertown, Ludlow, Monson, Palmer, Pathfinder or Wilbraham high schools in 2021 can apply.

Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary scholarship applications are available in each school’s guidance office and will be accepted by email only.

For more information, student applicants should speak to their guidance counselor.

Ware Amvets Post 2577 offers Michael H. Deslauriers Scholarship

WARE – The Ware Amvets Post 2577 will award the annual Michael H. Deslauriers Scholarship to a graduating senior residing in Ware regardless of the school district they attend.

Michael Deslauriers was a devoted musician sharing his talents with the town of Ware. He represented the town at the Quabbin Music Festival, Western District Festival and was a member of the Ware Community Band. A music graduate of Westfield State he continued to honor the veterans of the

town by playing taps at their burial ceremony and also at all the patriotic and memorial events.

Students who wish to apply for this award of \$1,000, need only to send their school transcript and an essay stating their accomplishments and what their future plans are. Applications are available at school guidance offices and must be submitted by May 1.

Please mail applications to Ware Amvets Post 2577, C/O Richard Rucki, 8 First Ave., Ware, MA 01082.

Beaver Lake Club Corporation offers scholarships

WARE – Beaver Lake Club Corporation, of Ware, announces its annual Louis H. Healy Scholarship of \$1,000 will be presented to a deserving high school senior or current college student who is from the town of Ware or who is a member of the Beaver Lake Club Community. This year the committee has been granted the ability to award two \$1,000 scholarships.

The scholarship is given in the memory of Louis Healy, a longtime and well-respected member of the Beaver Lake community and the town of Ware. He was an

active leader and participant in both town and community matters, and his family and friends continue to celebrate his thoughts, ideals and memory by awarding this yearly academic scholarship.

The application deadline is April 16, and applications must be postmarked by that date. The selectee recipient will be announced and the scholarships will be awarded in early June. Applications and information can be obtained by sending an email to ctrietsch22@gmail.com or by mailing a request to BLCC: PO Box 253, Ware, MA 01082.

Coy Hill solar farm site visit discussed

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARREN – At their Monday meeting, Planning Board members discussed a recent site visit to ZPT Energy Solutions, at 334 Coy Hill Road, and the need to reflag its property lines.

Planning Board member Rich Eichacker said the group were not clear about the property lines, and hence whether the buffer zone was the right amount of feet away from those lines. They also found broken solar panels, which they asked be secured in a container, and trash found on the site be picked up every day. Planning Board member David Dufresne said they were also concerned about whether a basin, located on a large slope, was temporary or permanent.

An abutter had complained to the Planning Board that the trees on the ZPT site have been cut to her property line eliminating a natural buffer, and Dufresne said there was no identifiable property line to go by during the visit.

There was a difference of opinion between ZPT’s lawyer, George Kiritsky, who said the project fell under the town’s 2015 by-law,

which provided for a 25-foot buffer and members of the Planning Board who said the order of conditions for the project listed 150-foot buffers for the project.

Kiritsky said the typical setback for such a project is 25 feet.

Adam Christie, with ZPT’s contractor, Protec, said an as-built plan would be submitted to town boards very soon, including the Planning Board, and suggested that could serve as a reference for the property lines.

“I don’t know how you can work on a project of this size and not have your property lines marked,” said Building Commission B.J. Church. She also pointed out it would be difficult to compare

Peter Forte, of Zero Point Development Corp., in Worcester, which is building this project with ProTech Energy Solutions, of New Jersey, said it had been flagged a year ago. During the past 12 months, the flags have blown away or otherwise are no longer there, he said, and it’s a big project to have it reflagged.

Dufresne pressed the point, saying the board members needed to have the flags along the property lines so the buffer areas

could be assessed and how close they come to the property lines of neighbors.

“We’re asking you to mark it clearly for us so when we go out there we know what we’re looking at,” he said.

Kiritsky questioned whether the board was intent on changing the buffer lines now that the project is essentially finished. Dufresne and Planning Board Chairman Derick Velez said the buffers would have to be checked. Kiritsky said this turn of events was in effect going backwards with the project.

Forte said it would cost 15,000 to \$20,000 to reflag the entire site. It was agreed that a certain portion of the site, which is wetlands, and the reflagging would be done on the north and west sides of the property.

Assistant replacement

Planning Board and Building Commissioner assistant Kathy Czub encouraged the board to put her job description on an online jobs board. If she trains a new employee, her last day will be July 30.

Ware River Valley chaplaincy program available

WARE – The Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force offers domestic violence victims and survivors a program with one-on-one counseling with a chaplain, who has received training on domestic violence and other related issues.

In 2013, recognizing the central role that faith and spirituality play in the lives of many domestic violence victims and survivors, the Ware River Valley Domestic Violence Task Force launched an interfaith initiative on domestic violence. In 2018, after years of reflection, outreach and training in the community, Task Force members became aware of the need for one-on-one spiritual support for victims and survivors, many of whom both rely on their spirituality for strength, and are separated from their faith community or spiritual practice as a result of abuse.

The program’s mission is to support the spiritual well-being of victims and survivors of domestic violence in the Ware River

Valley by providing trained lay and ordained domestic violence chaplains who can provide spiritual support to survivors regardless of their individual faith or spiritual tradition.

Trained chaplains are available to meet, talk or text with victims or survivors. Chaplains might help a survivor reconnect with their own spiritual strength, tradition or practice, or they may simply offer insights and support after listening to a survivor describe their spiritual background and/or current needs. Chaplains can also offer prayers for survivors upon request

Above all, chaplains are trained to follow the lead of the survivor, to honor the variety of faiths and spiritual practices survivors may bring forward, and to maintain safety and confidentiality.

Chaplains receive 25 hours of training on domestic violence prior to joining the program, including training on sensitive issues such as sexual abuse and coercion that arise in the context of domestic

violence. Chaplains also receive on-going training once they have joined the program as well as monthly peer supervision and consultation groups. This program is not ‘confessional’ in nature. If confessional services are requested, an appropriate referral will be made.

After three meetings, survivors are strongly encouraged to also work with a domestic violence advocate. Chaplains meet regularly with advocates, and are available to meet with a survivor and advocate together.

A referral for a chaplain can be made by contacting the BHN Domestic Violence Supervisor at 413-750-8053 or 413-967-6241, ext. 122, or by contacting the Task Force directly at wrvdtaskforce@gmail.com or 413-758-0605.

Chaplains are either ordained or sponsored by an ordained faith leader from a faith community.

To learn more about the program, contact the Task Force at wrvdtaskforce@gmail.com.

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Leadership concerns

Lerch said the USDA also had “grave concerns about town leadership willingness to support fair and equal treatment going forward. This in turn raises concerns about the ability or willingness of town leadership to implement a plan and collect revenues necessary to complete a massive infrastructure project, to provide for its care and operation and even to make Agency loan payments over the 40-year repayment plan.” Because of this Lerch said, “the project will be suspended and Agency work on this project will cease until or unless the EHS contract is settled and town leadership is more fully engaged and supportive of this project.”

EHS letter with conditions

Finance Committee member Cheryl Wolfe asked Young if the letter received from Eagle Hill School did not complete the requirement. Young said Eagle Hill School cannot put conditions on the agreement, they need to pay a fair and equitable user fee or rate according to the EDUs (equivalent dwelling unit). McDonald said selectmen did receive a response from the Board of Trustees by the Executive Committee, which according to the school’s bylaws has authority to represent the school between meetings. Young acknowledged the school’s response, but said the USDA did not accept the conditions in that response.

The original letter from the school said it would accept the buy out if nine conditions were met, including its equivalent dwelling

unit cost, or EDU, be the same as that for a single-family residence, that the school not be subject to betterment fees and that new pumping station necessary for the revamped system not be located on the Town Common.

Town Administrator Theresa Cofske said she felt the president of the Board of Trustees should communicate directly with the town instead of through McDonald, to assist in moving this forward. McDonald said he would be “happy to assist in any way in moving this forward.” McDonald said he will still be involved with that communication with the town as Marilyn Waller, Board of Trustees president, has “not been deeply involved in this.” Cofske said she understood that Waller and other trustees had not been very involved, but it was “just not working” by communicating with McDonald and Erik Fleming. Cofske said this situation “deserves the attention of the full Board of Trustees.”

She said this project has been a long time coming and they only have a two-year window to complete it, of which 10 months have already passed.

McDonald said they have only really asked for two things, which include concerns about their rate increase. The other is the construction of a pump station on the Hardwick Common. “I think it would be a tragedy for the town,” McDonald said.

He also said he wanted to “set the record straight” regarding misinformation regarding the school’s involvement in this process. He said they responded in a timely manner to the offer letter and asked for a 30-day extension, of which they used one week. McDonald said the school is in full support

of this project, they just want it to be equitable for all. He said that Liz Cyran, Sewer Commissioner, stated that Eagle Hill School is looking for “preferential treatment” and a frozen rate, of which he says, “none of that is true.” He said the “idea that we’re not engaged in this process, engaged in this town, is not true.”

Young asked McDonald if Eagle Hill School would accept the \$1.8 if they were assured they would be treated fairly and what their rates would be. McDonald said if the rates are fair and equitable, then “they already have a deal.” Young said the sewer commissioners put the rates in place, not the Board of Selectmen, and that they will have the attorneys involved to work this out.

“There hasn’t been the unity to stand for what needs to be done in this town, and now, everything that has been worked toward, everything that has been brought forward, which is a path to a bright future for the town of Hardwick, stands still,” Cofske said.

She urged those attending the meeting to “move forward” and fix a “huge problem.” Cofske said the townspeople need to take control of their town and future and be a voice, and that she would welcome Eagle Hill School to be a part of the solution. She said they will not give Eagle Hill School special privileges or special rates, “it’s unacceptable.”

School worries about rates

Cofske said she understood McDonald’s concern the school would be subjected to sewer and betterments rates that were unfair, but said the town is bound by specific law to set those rates. They cannot assign sewer rates to Eagle

Hill School that are outside of state standard. Cofske said their current rate is not within standard and that is why the USDA brought RCAP Solutions on to conduct an independent rate study. Cofske said she recommends the town responds to McDonald’s letter and make it clear what the town will be doing and assure him that assessments will be fair as bound by law.

McDonald said that is exactly what he and the Board of Trustees are looking for. He said the town owes the school \$2.3 million it loaned the municipality, and have agreed to take \$1.8 million in return. He said before they forgive \$500,000 of what the town owes them, they just want to know what they will be owing “on the other side.”

He said the first eight conditions in his response are related to finances. Cofske said they will not have a true number for betterments until the construction is done. Cofske said the longer they wait to complete the project, the higher the betterments could become for all sewer users. She said they will work with town counsel to generate a response to Eagle Hill School. Cofske said the town needs the assurance that Eagle Hill School will accept the \$1.8 million and that they will pay their sewer rate and betterments.

Start of economic development

Cofske said once the town gets out from under the sewer project, they can focus on economic development. She referenced the mill in Gilbertville, saying it was under new owners who are waiting on the sewer infrastructure. Cofske said they also have \$5

million for roadway improvements for downtown Gilbertville, making it pedestrian and bicyclist-friendly, and improving traffic flow. She said the Conversation Commission is working with the East Quabbin Land Trust to improve the Fitness Trail, gazebo and canoe launch. The re-development of the mill would result in an increase of jobs and boost tourism. “We could be a destination,” Cofske said. “The one thing we’re missing right now is big infrastructure, and it looks like the money to do it. We don’t have time.”

SelectBoard support

Lerch characterized two-thirds of the board as being resistant to the project and Young as being engaged in the process. She also said the agency hopes the selectmen can unify in support of the project, which would “include efforts to limit the role and reach of Eagle Hill School as a priority where it comes to public projects.”

Quink said there is a “very strained relationship” amongst the board, but she stands behind getting this project done. She said she is viewed as being resistant because she asks questions when she does not feel comfortable with something. “I am happy to help out however I can...I just want to be informed,” Quink said. She has tried to contact both Cofske and Lerch, she said. “I’m behind this, why would I not be?” Quink said. Quink said both Cofske and Young deserve credit for the work they have done. She said at the last joint meeting, there was a lot of information “thrown” at the board that


night. “It was a lot to process,” she said. Quink said she believes that “everyone has to pay their fair share,” pertaining to the sewer rates.

Wolfe said they need to get that letter drafted to continue and ensure the process be fair to everybody, including Eagle Hill. Board of Selectmen member Kelly Kemp said “Never have I not wanted to see this project go through. Every single one of us has wanted to see this project move forward.” Kemp said she is happy to hear the issues everyone has will be addressed. Young told McDonald he will be receiving a letter from the town about what they discussed.

Cyran asked to comment and said the town needs “somebody that is in there 110% for the town of Hardwick,” and support Cofske and Young. Quink responded to Cyran, “I said I would support what is happening...I am in here 110%.” Quink said if there was any concern about what her motives are, she is here, ready to answer questions people may have. Cofske said in order to support the project, all board members need to support the staff. Quink said if Cofske needs her help, she is here.

Young told McDonald that they would be sending a letter and asked McDonald to respond as quickly as possible. McDonald offered to have a Zoom session with all involved parties to address concerns quickly and Young agreed.

Eileen Kennedy contributed to this report.



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FIELD NOTES

Hike like a hunter

By Mohawk Johnny

While I was bowhunting a few years ago, a woman and her shepherd dog came down the trail I was watching. They were moving at a good clip and had gotten very close when the dog picked up my scent, stopped, and looked up at me. The woman was oblivious to me until she noticed the dog had stopped. Then her eyes followed the dog’s to my perch. “Oh, hi!” she said, somewhat startled. “I didn’t see you there.” “Great,” I said. “My plan is working…” She giggled, called her dog and was off.

My brother told me a similar story: He’d once surprised a fellow who was also walking with his dog. Joe was in a ground blind, near a main trail, when the dog winded him and left the trail. Not wanting the dog to tarry and further contaminate the area with scent, Joe waved to the gentleman, who was quite surprised to see someone bowhunting and asked what Joe was hunting for. My brother replied, “Deer,” and the man said he didn’t know there were any around here—that he’d been hiking here for years and had never seen one. My brother told him that if he wanted to see more wildlife, he just needed to slow down.

Slowing down is a good way to see more of your surroundings, but if hikers really want to see more wildlife, they need to hunt for it. No, I’m not advocating that everybody take up a bow or a firearm—I’ve made my philosophical argument for hunting in these pages, so I won’t belabor the point. I’m only suggesting that to enjoy wildlife, it helps to be able to see it. Sometimes, it’s only a matter of slowing down, which allows taking in more of one’s surroundings. Many animals aren’t especially sensitive to minor disturbances in their environment and will move around at ease in the presence of humans if they don’t perceive a threat, but one needs to spend more time looking and less time moving to see them, as they often blend in very well with their surroundings. You must be able to discern tiny details to pick them out—you can’t do that if you’re constantly in motion.

To observe certain types of animals requires even greater care and patience. Game animals are so called because they are challenging to harvest—there’s a reason for that: Generally, they tend to possess enough muscle mass relative to their size that they are desirable as a source of food—either to humans or other predators. Animals that are on the menu have evolved very keen senses of sight, smell and or hearing, but the weapons race isn’t only sensory; prey animals also have behavioral traits in their defensive quivers. Many will cease daytime activity in favor of a more crepuscular (active at dusk and dawn) existence or even go nocturnal when there’s a preponderance of predators, human or otherwise, skulking about. Due to this adaptive paranoia, it’s easy to see why the woods can seem devoid of animals to the uninitiated.

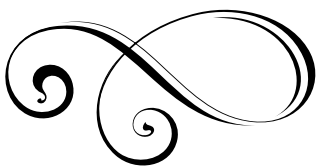
If you wish to see predators, well, you’ll likely need to step up your game. Since predators must hunt for their food, their senses must also be finely tuned—add to this, the adversarial relationship they’ve had with other predators, including humans, for millions of years. We’ve been rivals for food resources, both domestic and wild, and in many cases, we’ve been predators of each other. The combined pressures of having to hunt for a living, as well as being hunted, have been honing the defensive arsenals of predators to a keen edge since the dawn of multi-cellular life.

If you’re hiking for the cardio-vascular benefits and just want to exercise in the great outdoors, that’s great—there’s no better place, and you may very well occasionally happen across the odd fox or raccoon, but if you really want to see a predator, you must be a predator—a stealthy one. You must avoid detection by sight, sound, and smell, and you must also create an environment for your own senses to work more acutely. Moving s-l-o-w-l-y and stopping often will go a long way toward allowing you to see and hear more and to be seen and heard less.

Navigating with GPS on your personal device will allow you to get a bit off the beaten path, but you have to slow down even more because the untrodden ground is much noisier to walk on. Keep the wind in your face; take just a step or two at a time, and spend more time looking than you do walking. You will be amazed at how much wildlife you’ve been missing.

So, whatever your reason for being out of doors, happy hunting!

John J. Dube is a Ware resident who has hunted for many years.



The best way to root stem cuttings

Neil, who reads the column in the Wilbraham Times, asked the Garden Lady to write about taking stem cuttings. He enjoyed my commentary on houseplants from a few weeks back and seemed interested in trying his hand at propagating some of his own plants by this method. Here you go, Neil! I wish you loads of success.

Getting a piece of stem to form roots is relatively easy. Here are a few tips that will guarantee your success. First, make sure that the plant you are taking the cuttings from, called the “stock plant,” is insect and disease-free and well hydrated. Plan to take cuttings in the morning before the heat of the day has a chance to cause any wilting. A clean, sharp pair of scissors or hand pruners is the best tool for the job. Cuttings can be taken at any time during the growing season. Spring is a great time to take cuttings of plants that you’ve overwintered provided they are growing well. Just this past week I took cuttings of both scented geraniums and rosemary.

Begin by examining your stock plant. Those stems with the closest placed nodes are the best choice for cutting material. Nodes are the point on the stem from which the leaves grow. There is a strong accumulation of hormones in this area; for that reason stem

cuttings are taken just after a node. Terminal cuttings, (those from the growth tip) three to four inches long are desirable. It is tempting to take longer pieces, figuring that the end result will be a larger plant. These are likely to wilt before they root or take a very long time to root because the stems are woodier the further down you go. Play it safe with stout cuttings.

There are all kinds of potting mediums in which to place the cutting while it is grows roots. Ideally it should be able to hold enough moisture to keep the cutting turgid yet not hold so much that it rots the stem. Sand, perlite, and soilless potting mixes have all been used with success. Water is not recommended as “watery roots” will have a harder time adapting to potting soil later on. I have had good luck rooting cuttings in peat-based potting mixes that are formulated for seed starting. Moisten the material well and fill your clean container of choice up to the top and tamp it down.

Cut only a few cuttings at a time so that wilting doesn’t occur while you prepare the stems for insertion into the growing medium. Strip off the bottom one-third of leaves from the cutting. If you wish to shorten the amount of time it takes for rooting to occur, a commercial rooting hormone can be used. These

come in powder or liquid forms. Follow the directions on the container. I have found that “less is more” when using these products. When you are ready to “stick” the cutting make an indentation into the growing medium with a pencil or dibble first; do not push in with the stem! After the cutting is inserted, firm the medium around it well so that it stays in place. Put the container, cuttings and all in a clear plastic bag and place in a shady location. The humidity within the bag ought to prevent the stems from wilting. Water well, only about once weekly. After a month or so, roots will begin to form on the scented geraniums; rosemary may take six weeks or more.

Transplanting into individual pots can be done once the roots equal or surpass the size of the cutting. I like to start out with a small pot and transplant up a size or two at a time as the plant grows; likewise, using newly-rooted cuttings together in a mixed planter works well, too.

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ON THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Will my widow’s benefit replace my own benefits?

By Russell Gloor
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: My husband is 76, retired for four years, and receiving Social Security. I am only 59 and still working. We are both in good health and I’d like to think we still have many years to enjoy retirement. My question: Is it true that if I start Social Security at 62, I can switch to my husband’s Social Security benefits when he passes? If this is true (and his amount is slightly higher than my FRA amount), wouldn’t it make sense for me to begin collecting at 62? *Signed: Younger Spouse*

Dear Younger Spouse: Yes, it is true that if you start your reduced personal Social Security benefit at age 62, and your husband (collecting a benefit higher than your own) predeceases you, you can switch to his higher benefit amount. But there are some other factors which come into play when dealing with survivor benefits, especially with an age difference:

- You must be at least 60 years old to claim your survivor benefit (or 50 if you are disabled).
- Your survivor benefit will be reduced if you haven’t yet reached your own full retirement age (FRA) when you claim it. The reduction is 4.75% for each full year earlier than your FRA that you claim the survivor benefit.
- You do not need to take your survivor benefit immediately upon your husband’s death. Your survivor benefit as your husband’s widow reaches maximum at your FRA, and you can choose to delay claiming your widow’s benefit until you reach your FRA (to get the maximum amount).
- If you claim any Social Security benefit before your FRA (your own or your survivor benefit), and you are working, you’ll be sub-



ject to Social Security’s “earnings test” which limits how much you can earn before SS takes back some of your benefits.

Considering the above, if your eventual benefit as your husband’s widow will be the highest benefit you will be entitled to, then claiming your personal Social Security benefit at age 62 may be a prudent strategy. It allows you to collect your own benefit earlier (albeit reduced) until your higher survivor benefit kicks in to replace the smaller amount.

However, your plans for working prior to your full retirement age are key to deciding if you should claim benefits earlier. If you exceed the earnings limit (\$18,960 for 2021), Social Security will take away some of your benefits, which could mean you go without benefits until they recover what you owe. Indeed, if your earnings are high enough, you may find that you would get no Social Security benefits because the amount you owe for exceeding the earnings limit would completely offset your Social Security benefit.

So, as you can see, if you are working with a high income, the earnings limit might imply that waiting until your FRA to claim any Social Security benefit is the smartest move. But if you don’t work after you claim Social Security, then taking your own benefit early and later switching to your higher widow’s benefit at or after your FRA would be a sound choice.

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Comments on Congress

Why reforming the filibuster matters

By Lee H. Hamilton
Guest columnist

As Washington turns its attention to infrastructure and other matters of policy, the Senate filibuster isn’t commanding quite the same headlines as it did a few weeks back. But that’s only because the issue is percolating behind the scenes. At some point, it will return to the limelight. And when it does, you should understand what’s at stake. Because as obscure as it seems, it actually goes to the heart of how we operate as a democracy.

The key point to remember is that as the country’s population has shifted, a growing number of senators have come to represent a shrinking portion of Americans. In the House, this doesn’t matter as much, since districts are apportioned by population. But in the Senate, current rules require 60 senators to agree to move a measure forward, with certain exceptions. This means that 41 senators can block most legislation, so in theory, the senators coming from the 21 smallest states—who together represent less than 12 percent of the US population—can keep the nation’s agenda from moving forward.

It’s hard to believe the country’s founders would think this makes sense. And it’s certainly a far cry from government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

In particular, it means that legislative initiatives that appear to have great popular support—including infrastructure spending, certain gun control measures, a higher minimum wage, even a legitimate path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants—will face tough sledding in the Senate. This is because it is remarkably easy for the leader of the Senate minority, Republican Mitch McConnell, to muster the 41 votes he needs simply to block legislation from moving forward. It’s a silent and powerful parliamentary move: Without Americans as a whole or senators’ constituents being any the wiser, bills die without coming up for a vote and there are no fingerprints on the murder weapon.

Now, the Senate wasn’t designed to be like the House, and there’s a lot to be said for maintaining rules that slow legislation down and ensure that the majority can’t simply get what it wants without negotiating. But the key word is “negotiating”—when the filibuster is used simply to ensure that a president and elected majority can’t get a bill considered, it’s become something else. So while there appears to be little appetite in the Senate for ending the filibuster outright, there’s strong incentive to explore alternatives.

These would be in keeping with a long history of filibuster reforms in the Senate: budget reconciliation starting in the 1970s allowed many bills related to taxing and spending to move forward with a simple majority; in 1975, the Senate changed the number of votes needed to move a bill forward from 67 to 60; and more recently, the Senate carved out exemptions on confirmation votes. In other words, there is precedent for change. The options include expanding the breadth of bills that are exempt from the 60-vote requirement to move forward. Or the Senate could require more members (right now it’s just one) to force a so-called “cloture” vote, which brings the filibuster into play. Or it could reduce the 60-vote requirement, either for all bills or for particular kinds. Or, as some senators seem to favor, it could revive the requirement that senators intent on blocking legislation actually must get up and talk about it—which would have some drawbacks but at least would make it clear who’s standing in the way.

The Senate’s rules are a big reason we have a Congress that struggles to get things done—and a big reason our democracy seems to be hamstrung. I believe wholeheartedly in representative democracy, and in not trying to shortcut it or to restrict it: Proposals in front

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Factors to consider before choosing a summer camp

Adults often look back fondly on their childhood experiences at summer camp. Camps can provide the opportunity to form lifelong friendships and discover rewarding hobbies that can enrich campers' lives for decades to come.

Choosing a summer camp is no small task, as the options at families' disposal range from overnight camps to weekday afternoon camps to camps that specialize in certain programs, such as music or dance. Cost also is likely to factor into families' decisions, as the American Camp Association notes that cost can vary greatly depending on which camp families choose. For example, the ACA notes that the average daily fee at a resident camp is \$85, while the same fee at a day camp is \$43.

When looking for a summer camp for kids, families should make the decision together. Kids should be involved in the selection process, as they're more likely to have an enjoyable camp experience if they had a say in where they will be spending their summers. The following are some factors families should consider as they look for summer camps, courtesy of the ACA.

Kids' interests

The ACA urges parents to consider the child's interests and per-



sonality before choosing a summer camp. Parents might want their children to attend the same summer camp they visited as youngsters, but each child is different. Just because mom and dad liked a particular camp does not mean their children will. The ACA notes that summer camps should align with children's interests and maturity level.

Locale

Locale may only be a consideration for families considering overnight camps. Kids will likely be familiar with the locations of local day camps, but overnight camps might be set in mountain ranges, near the ocean or environments less familiar to youngsters. Kids who love the ocean might benefit from ocean-front camps that focus on marine biology, boating or other activities involving the water. In the same vein, youngsters who like camping and hiking might be more likely to embrace camps located in mountainous regions.

Session length

Camps may last as little as one week or up to a couple of months. Session length should be considered by families looking at both local day camps and overnight resident camps. Parents who want their children to enjoy a largely schedule-free summer might not want to commit their children to lengthy camp sessions, even if those sessions are close to home. If parents think their children can benefit from the same structure they're accustomed to during the school year, then an overnight camp that stretches for several weeks might be what they're looking for.

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Ware riding run of recent success

Seniors have grown with team

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARE – From the start of the 2017 regular season until last Saturday afternoon, the Ware football team has posted an impressive 29-7 overall record. The Indians have qualified for the Western Mass. Division 8 playoffs in each of the past three seasons. They advanced to the finals in 2017 and 2019.

The five seniors, who have been members of the Indians varsity football team during the past 36 games, are Jack Tweedie, Keith Smith, Shawn Santiago, Myles McGrail, and Dillon Slattery.

“Those five guys joined our football team as kids and they’re leaving as young men,” said Ware head coach Mike Fazio. “It has been a pleasure for me and the other coaches to watch them grow during the past few years.”

Tweedie, Smith, McGrail, and Slattery are the Indians captains this season. The foursome were also captains of last year’s squad, which finished with a 9-2.

Smith, who became a member of the elite 1,000-point club in his final high school basketball game, suffered a right thumb injury in the season opening football game against Belchertown. He’ll be sidelined for the rest of the football season.

The other six seniors listed on this year’s Indians roster are Dominic Velazquez, Aiden Clark, Austin Mascroft, Rockeem Handfield, John Soltys, and Devin Henry.

“We do have a great group of seniors this year,” Fazio said. “Ware is a small community and they’ve been playing different sports together for many years.”

Soltys, who was a key member of the Indians golf team, and Henry, who has been a member of the Indians boys’ soccer team during the fall, are first-year players on the football team.

“All of us seniors have very good chemistry both on and off the field,” said Slattery, who’s also an outstanding baseball and basketball player. “All of us are good friends.”

Slattery isn’t the first member of his family to wear a Ware football uniform. His father, Scott, played football at Ware High School in the late 1980’s. He’s currently an assistant football coach, along with Nick Vantangoli.

Devin Slattery, who’s a sophomore on the UMass Boston baseball team, graduated from Ware High School in 2018.

In last Saturday’s 14-0 shutout road victory against the Chicopee Pacers, Dillon Slattery, who’s the Indians starting quarterback, scored a rushing touchdown in the middle of the first quarter. He then threw a five-yard TD pass to junior Andrew Soltys five minutes into the second stanza.

Handfield rushed for a team-leading 60 yards on 10 carries in the first ever meeting on the gridiron against Chicopee.

The defensive unit, which was led by junior Quintin Davis, took care of the rest of the business. It was the Indians first shutout since they defeated rival Quabog, 8-0, in the 2019 Thanksgiving Day game.

Davis recorded five sacks and he also blocked a punt setting up the Indians first touchdown against the Pacers.

Fazio, who’s a math teacher at Ware High School, became an assistant football coach when the seniors were sophomores. He replaced Jim Haupt as the varsity football coach the following year.

“When I took over as the varsity football coach, we decided to put in a different offense and a different defense,” Fazio said. “That

Ware High School Football 2020-2021 Roster

No.	Name	Position	Grade
1	Matthew Gambino	DL/OL	11
4	Andrew Soltys	DB/WR	11
7	Devin Henry	WR/DB	12
8	Quintin Davis	LB/RB	11
9	Logan Bernier	DB/WR	11
10	Kolby McDonell	RB/DB	10
11	Dillon Slattery	QB/DL	12
12	Myles McGrail	DB/TE	12
13	Cody St. Cyr	RB/LB	11
17	John Soltys	WR/DB	12
18	Shawn Santiago	WR/DB	12
19	Cameron Miarecki	WR/DB	8
21	Rockeem Handfield	LB/RB	12
22	Keith Smith	WR/LB	12
33	Tyler Orszulak	TE/LB	11
34	Andrew Bonnayer	RB/DB	11
35	Jadrien Berthiaume	RB/LB	8
36	Gavin Sawabi	WR/LB	8
45	Nathan Luxon	RB/LB	8
55	Nicholas Gambino	OL/LB	11
56	Camren McCormick	OL/DL	10
57	John Auchter	OL/DL	10
61	Jack Tweedie	OL/DL	12
65	Austin Mascroft	OL/DL	12
66	Kyle Gordon	OL/DL	9
67	Aiden Clark	OL/DL	12
68	Gabriel Phillips	OL/DL	10
72	Phillip Fox	OL/DL	10
74	Dominic Velazquez	OL/DL	12
75	Gavin Rohan	OL/DL	11
81	Kyle Safford	RB/LB	9
88	Donald Charron	OL/DL	8
99	Nathan Harmon	OL/DL	8



Myles McGrail



Austin Mascroft



Dominic Velazquez

Ware Football (2-1)

- **Week 1:** Saturday, March 20 – Ware 37, Belchertown 8
- **Week 2:** Friday, March 27 – South Hadley 20, Ware 6
- **Week 3:** Saturday, April 3 – Ware 14, Chicopee 0
- **Week 4:** Friday, April 9 – vs. Palmer – Game postponed Friday, April 9 – at Ludlow 6 p.m.
- **Week 5:** Saturday, April 17 – vs. Northampton 1 p.m.
- **Week 6:** Friday, April 23 – at Smith Vocational 4 p.m.



Jack Tweedie



Shawn Santiago



Devin Henry



Keith Smith



Rockeem Handfield



Dillon Slattery



Aiden Clark



The Ware football team celebrates after defeating rival Palmer last Saturday afternoon.

rivalry game.

face them later in the season,” said Dillon Slattery. “It’s a big rivalry game and it has been going on for so long. You never know what’s going to happen in that game.”

Dillon’s father gave his thoughts about playing and coaching in the

“It’s probably one of the biggest rivalry games in Western Mass. It’s a lot more than just a football game. It’s the pep rallies, the senior banquet, and everything else that leads up to it,” said Scott Slattery,

who’s also the Indians boys’ j.v. basketball coach and the varsity baseball coach. “All of our players want to play against Palmer and I’m sure they want to play against us this year.”

When the Fall II football sched-

ule was first announced, the rivalry game wasn’t even listed on it.

“We weren’t originally scheduled to play Palmer in football this year and I didn’t really think very much about it until I spoke with my coaches,” said Ware Athletic Director Thomas Shamgochian. “Coach Slattery said that it’s a game that the boys always look forward to playing every year.”

Shamgochian then called Palmer Athletic Director Matt Marciniec, who’s also the Panthers varsity football coach.

“Matt and I are both new Athletic Directors and we’ve worked very well together during the past couple of years,” Shamgochian said. “I then sent a message to (Ludlow A.D.) Tim Brillo, who was one of the people in charge of making the football schedule. I asked him if we could make some changes to the schedule, so we could add the Palmer-Ware game. Tim was able to switch a couple of other games around during week 4 allowing us to play Palmer.”

Fazio really appreciates all of the hard work Shamgochian has

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Alex Gladkowski makes the tackle on a Ware ball carrier.

Panthers comeback falls short against Ware

PALMER – In the 2019 game held at Palmer High School, Palmer made a valiant comeback late in the game, but could not overcome Ware’s hot start. Ware came away with a 34-28 win the last time the two neighboring rivals got together.



Jacob Mastalerz makes run up the middle.



Rockeem Handfield heads for the sideline on a run.



Keith Smith tries to run away from the pack after a keeper.



Dillon Slattery makes a line for the left sideline.



Andrew Soltys attempts to get the sack on Palmer quarterback Jack Letendre.

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done for his football program this year.

“Tom is the best A.D. around,” Fazio said. “He has done more for our football program and for our kids than anyone could ask. Whenever we need anything, he responds in three seconds.”

Even if the football game between Palmer and Ware isn’t rescheduled before the Fall II season ends on April 25, it will be only five or six months until the two squads meet again on the gridiron on a crisp fall Saturday afternoon. The 11 seniors on this year’s team will probably be rooting for their former teammates from the sideline.



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Brady Goguen goes for the tackle of Ware’s Keith Smith.

Palmer seniors a ‘good group of football players’

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER — While most of the high school rivalry football games in Western Massachusetts take place on Thanksgiving morning, it has never been the case with either Ware or Palmer.

The two high schools, which are located about 10 miles apart, have battled each other on the gridiron during the regular season since 1925.

The 95th annually meeting was scheduled to take place under the lights at Ware High School on Friday night. Unfortunately, the contest has been postponed. A member of the Palmer football program tested positive for COVID-19.

The Panthers, who also had two other games postponed due to COVID-19 issues, posted a 32-0 shutout in their season opener at Chicopee High School on March 20.

“We’ve been practicing and not playing a game at the end of the week has been a little bit frustrating,” said Palmer varsity football coach Matt Marciniac, during a zoom interview held prior to the positive COVID test result. “We’re just hoping the number of COVID cases in Palmer keep going down each week,

so we’re able to get back on the field again.”

Marciniac, who graduated from Palmer High School in 2005, replaced Peter Farr as the Panthers varsity football coach a couple of years ago. He’s also the Athletic Director and a teacher at the high school.

Marciniac enjoys teaching his players about the history of the rivalry series with Ware.

“The players, who have played in the past games, already know a little about it,” he said. “I do try to teach the younger players about the history of the rivalry game every year. The players on both teams know each other, which makes the rivalry game extra special. It’s always a fun week preparing to play Ware.”

The Indians, who hold a slim 46-43-5 overall lead in the series, have won seven of the past eight games, including the last four years. The final score of last year’s contest, which took place at Legion Field in Palmer, was 34-28.

“Ware has been a very good football team during the past couple of years and they’re a well-coached team,” Marciniac said. “It’s always a challenge whenever we play them.”

The only time that the Panthers have received the Rotary Club Trophy, which goes to the winning team, during the past eight years was following a 14-6 victory at Legion Field in 2015.

Almost every game between the two football teams have been played on a Saturday afternoon during the fall. This year’s game would’ve been played on a Friday night for the first time in more than twenty years.

“I know a lot of traditionalists always wants the game to be played on a Saturday afternoon,” Marciniac said. “I think playing the game on a Friday night this year would be something normal, especially after the past year.”

The five seniors listed on the Palmer football roster are Mike Malcovsky,

Palmer High School Football 2020-2021 Roster

No.	Name	Position	Grade
3	Jacob Mastalerz	RB/LB	12
5	Jack Letendre	QB/DB	11
7	Drew McAlary	WR/DB	10
8	Brady Goguen	RB/DB	11
9	Madison Rathbone	WR/DB	8
10	Hermínio Medina	WR/DB	12
12	Brady Stahelski	QB/DB	10
21	Markys Lissaint	RB/LB	12
24	Chance Lee	RB/DB	11
27	Ethan Tremblay	WR/DB	11
30	Keith Lavalie	RB/LB	10
33	Sebastian Nava	RB/LB	9
35	Xavier Nava	RB/LB	10
40	Brady Goguen	RB/DB	10
42	Mike Ziemba	TE/LB	11
52	Robert Burke	OL/LB	11
55	Jason Cousineau	OL/DE	10
57	Damon Cardenales	OL/DE	10
62	Jesse Taylor	OL/DT	8
66	Aidan Connan	OL/DT	12
71	Dominic Allen	OL/DT	10
79	Roman Cardenales	OL/DT	11
81	Anthony Ukrainets	WR/DB	11
85	Tanner Kirk	WR/DB	9
87	Logan Fontaine	TE/DE	11
88	Jaden Nava	TE/DE	11

Aidan Connan, Markys Lissaint, Hermino Medina, and Jacob Mastalerz.

“The seniors are a very good group of football players,” Marciniac said. “One of my colleagues recently asked me if Jacob could stay after school for a A.P. study session. I said sure, but my team will look very different at practice without having him there. He’s one of our team leaders this year.”

All of the Panthers seniors are team captains.

Jack Letendre, who’s a junior, is the Panthers second-year starting quarterback.

“Jack always tries his best in everything that he does,” Marciniac said. “He’s always prepares for every game and knows where everyone should be on the field.”

Past results

With their 2019 win, their sixth in their last seven years, Ware leads all-time series 46-43-5.

1925	Palmer 0	Ware 0
1926	Ware 13	Palmer 7
1927	Palmer 13	Ware 7
1928	Palmer 13	Ware 6
1929	Ware 13	Palmer 2
1930	Ware 13	Palmer 6
1931	Palmer 6	Ware 0
1932	Palmer 34	Ware 0
1933	Palmer 32	Ware 0
1934	Palmer 14	Ware 13
1935	Palmer 14	Ware 13
1936	Ware 12	Palmer 6
1937	Palmer 0	Ware 0
1938	Ware 26	Palmer 6
1939	Ware 13	Palmer 0
1940	Ware 6	Palmer 0
1941	Palmer 0	Ware 0
1942	Palmer 39	Ware 0
1943	Palmer 62	Ware 0
1944	No game	
1945	Palmer 15	Ware 0
1946	Palmer 0	Ware 0
1947	Palmer 13	Ware 6
1948	Ware 14	Palmer 7
1949	Palmer 24	Ware 0
1950	Palmer 51	Ware 6
1951	Palmer 25	Ware 14
1952	Palmer 32	Ware 13
1953	Palmer 32	Ware 13
1954	Palmer 34	Ware 13
1955	Palmer 6	Ware 0
1956	Palmer 13	Ware 6
1957	Ware 54	Palmer 13
1958	Ware 10	Palmer 0
1959	Ware 24	Palmer 14 (win Guard Trophy)
1960	Palmer 14	Ware 0
1961	Palmer 22	Ware 14
1962	Palmer 14	Ware 0
1963	Palmer 28	Ware 14
1964	Palmer 28	Ware 6
1965	Palmer 28	Ware 0
1966	Palmer 34	Ware 6
1967	Palmer 13	Ware 6
1968	Ware 18	Palmer 6 (snowstorm moved game to Nov. 23)
1969	Palmer 42	Ware 6
1970	Ware 12	Palmer 6
1971	Ware 6	Palmer 2
1972	Palmer 26	Ware 9
1973	Palmer 14	Ware 12
1974	Ware 14	Palmer 6
1975	Ware 18	Palmer 6
1976	Palmer 8	Ware 0
1977	Ware 20	Palmer 0
1978	Palmer 6	Ware 0
1979	Ware 38	Palmer 12
1980	Ware 21	Palmer 0
1981	Ware 27	Palmer 0
1982	Palmer 12	Ware 6
1983	Ware 10	Palmer 6
1984	Ware 7	Palmer 0
1985	Palmer 26	Ware 6
1986	Palmer 34	Ware 14
1987	Palmer 16	Ware 0
1988	Palmer 14	Ware 12
1989	Ware 21	Palmer 7
1990	Ware 28	Palmer 6
1991	Ware 14	Palmer 14
1992	Ware 46	Palmer 0
1993	Ware 34	Palmer 27
1994	Ware 14	Palmer 7
1995	Ware 8	Palmer 6
1996	Palmer 21	Ware 12
1997	Ware 28	Palmer 6
1998	Ware 30	Palmer 0
1999	Ware 42	Palmer 0
2000	Ware 34	Palmer 0
2001	Ware 28	Palmer 0
2002	Ware 20	Palmer 6
2003	Ware 20	Palmer 14
2004	Ware 43	Palmer 6
2005	Palmer 12	Ware 0
2006	Ware 8	Palmer 6
2007	Palmer 26	Ware 6
2008	Palmer 33	Ware 0
2009	Ware 16	Palmer 6
2010	Palmer 33	Ware 0
2011	Palmer 21	Ware 0
2012	Ware 29	Palmer 20
2013	Ware 20	Palmer 0
2014	Ware 14	Palmer 0
2015	Palmer 14	Ware 6
2016	Ware 26	Palmer 6
2017	Ware 41	Palmer 6
2018	Ware 19	Palmer 6
2019	Ware 34	Palmer 28
2020	No game played - pandemic	

Sign up for Quabbin Valley Baseball set for April 11

REGION – The Quabbin Valley Baseball League is an age 28-and-over league which plays its games Sundays at 10 a.m. beginning in late April and concluding in late August. It is a six-team league and a 15-game schedule with all teams getting at least one playoff game at the end of August.

The league is seeking new players to join in the fun. The cost to play in 2021 is \$192.50 and registration can be found at www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org. Games are mostly being played this year in Easthampton and South Hadley. Players who wish to pitch in the league must be 30-years-old.

Sign-ups are active and players who are not already on a team will be placed in a draft, currently scheduled to take place on Sunday, April 11.

The league’s first games are tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 25. For the 2021 season, there is a mask-wearing rule, as well as modifications that prohibit any type of spitting or close contact, and players are required to take out all trash they bring in with them. The league allows the use of BBCOR-certified -3 bats as well as wood bats. Games are nine innings and all players who participate get to hit and play the field. For more information or to contact someone from the league, go to the league’s website.

Palmer Football (1-0)

- **Week 1:** Saturday, March 20 – Palmer 32, Chicopee 0
- **Week 2:** Saturday, March 27 – Game cancelled
- **Week 3:** Saturday, April 3 – vs. Belchertown - Game cancelled
- **Week 4:** Friday, April 9 – at Ware 6:30 p.m. – Game postponed
- **Week 5:** Friday, April 16 – No game scheduled
- **Week 6:** Friday, April 23 – at Ludlow 6 p.m.

Ware Police Log

Monday, March 29
5:30 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation South Street – Citation Issued
6:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Main Street – Citation Issued
9:25 a.m. Larceny, Theft Report South Street – Services Rendered
10:04 a.m. Accident, Vehicle West Street – Services Rendered
2:20 p.m. Fraud Palmer Road – Services Rendered
4:33 p.m. Ambulance Request Gilbertville Road – Referred to Other Agency

Tuesday, March 30
10:34 a.m. Hang-up, 911 Call Maple Street – Services Rendered
11:34 a.m. Fraud Greenway Avenue – Services Rendered
12:50 p.m. Ambulance Request Belchertown Road – Services Rendered
4:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Main Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge
Arrest: Joseph L. Wilson, 26, Springfield
License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID; Drug, Possess Class B; Drug, Possess Class B
5:59 p.m. Harassment Complaint Highland Village – Services Rendered
6:15 p.m. Harassment Complaint North Street – Services Rendered
6:32 p.m. Alarm Burglar Mechanic Street – Services Rendered

Wednesday, March 31
12:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Main Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge
Arrest: Bryan A. Rabideau, 50, Ware
Drug, Possess Class E; Drug, Possess Class B; Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit; License Not in Possession
10:30 a.m. Ambulance Request Church Street – Services Rendered
10:52 a.m. Ambulance Request Pulaski Street – Services Rendered
12:28 p.m. Ambulance Request Valley View – Services Rendered
2:05 p.m. Ambulance Request Valley View – Services Rendered
3:04 p.m. Ambulance Request Otis Avenue – Services Rendered
4:09 p.m. Accident (Hit and Run) West Street – Services Rendered
5:10 p.m. Ambulance Request School Street – Referred to Other Agency
7:49 p.m. Vandalism Morse

Avenue – Services Rendered
Thursday, April 1
12:31 a.m. Ambulance Request Only Road – Services Rendered
1:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Citation Issued
6:38 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Belchertown Road – Written Warning
7:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Written Warning
7:47 a.m. Silent, 911 Call West Street – Services Rendered
11:29 a.m. Silent, 911 Call North Street – Services Rendered
2 p.m. Ambulance Request Highland Village – Services Rendered
4:58 p.m. Ambulance Request Sherman Hill Road – Services Rendered
8:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Upper Church Street – Written Warning
8:54 p.m. Hang-up, 911 Call North Street – Services Rendered
10:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Written Warning
11:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Written Warning

Friday, April 2
10:17 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Church Street – Written Warning
11 a.m. General Information North Street – Investigated, Report Filed
11:44 a.m. Ambulance Request Highland Village – Referred to Other Agency
2:22 p.m. Ambulance Request Coffey Hill Road – Referred to Other Agency
3:35 p.m. Alarm Burglar West Street – Services Rendered
6:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation North Street – Citation Issued
6:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation North Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge
Summons: Eleanor C. Bell, 64, Ware
RMV Document, Forge/Misuse; Unlicensed/Suspended Operation of Motor Vehicle, Permit
10:17 p.m. Missing Person Otis Avenue – Services Rendered

Saturday, April 3
9:49 a.m. Missing Person North Street – Services Rendered
10:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Church Street – Written Warning
11:56 a.m. Ambulance Request

Eddy Street – Services Rendered
12:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Belchertown Road – Written Warning
6:01 p.m. Assist Other Agency North Street – Investigated, Report Filed
6:49 p.m. Abandoned, 911 Call North Street – Referred to Other Agency
7:21 p.m. Ambulance Request Monson Turnpike Road – Services Rendered
8:53 p.m. Erratic Operator Complaint Palmer Road – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge
Arrest: Kathleen D. Clark, 39, Ware
OUI-Liquor or .08%; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Mobile Phone, Operator Use Improperly

Sunday, April 4
7:12 a.m. Ambulance Request Monson Turnpike Road – Referred to Other Agency
8:30 a.m. Accident, Vehicle Hillside Village – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000
9:07 a.m. Vandalism Greenwich Road – Investigation Pending
12:30 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Palmer Road – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000
1 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Arrest: Derek S. Tweedie, 29, Ware
Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle
1:39 p.m. Ambulance Request Belchertown Road – Referred to Other Agency
1:55 p.m. Ambulance Request Belchertown Road – Referred to Other Agency
3 p.m. Ambulance Request North Street – Referred to Other Agency
4:16 p.m. Vandalism Anderson Road – Investigated, Report Filed
5:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Palmer Road – Written Warning
6:07 p.m. Ambulance Request Otis Avenue – Referred to Other Agency
7:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Aspen Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge
Arrest: Michael Santos, 41, Ware
Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit
9:08 p.m. Abandoned, 911 Call West Main Street – Services Rendered



Turley Publications staff photo

Hardwick had its first structure fire of the year Tuesday morning when a garage 2259 Greenwich Road burned due to an electrical fire.

Hardwick has first structure fire of the year

By Paula Ouimette
Staff Writer

HARDWICK – A call came in for a structure fire Tuesday at 7:59 a.m. A detached garage at 2259 Greenwich Road was engulfed as a result of a possible electrical fire, said Hardwick Fire Chief Raymond S. Walker. Walker said there was underground electrical service to

the garage.
Walker immediately called Ware Fire Department for mutual aid, as the property is closer to Ware.
Three Hardwick firefighters in addition to Walker arrived just behind Ware’s tanker truck, with many more arriving soon after. The garage was a total loss, but the crews were able to prevent the fire from spreading to the nearby

house.
Walker said this is the first structure fire of the year for Hardwick, although they have responded to many mutual aid calls. Ware Fire Chief Christopher Gagnon said his department had responded to a dryer fire earlier that same morning on North Street in Ware.

Hardwick Police Log

During the weeks of March 29-April 5, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 99 building/property checks, 19 directed/area patrols, 14 radar assignments, 11 traffic controls, four emergency 911 calls, eight motor vehicle stops, three safety hazards, two complaints, three larceny/theft/shopliftings, two vandalisms, two animal calls and one trespass in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, March 29
11:16 a.m. 911 – Safety Hazard Barre Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency
11:38 a.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Barre Road – Services Rendered
11:58 a.m. Phone – Safety Hazard North Road – Unfounded
Wednesday, March 31
4:11 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Written Warning
4:28 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Prouty Road – Summons Issued
6:18 p.m. Phone – Complaint Greenwich Road – Spoken To

Friday, April 2
2:12 p.m. Phone – Trespass Greenwich Road – Investigated

Saturday, April 3
3:33 p.m. 911 – Misdial North Road – No Action Required
4:14 p.m. Phone – Alarm Main Street – Investigated
5:12 p.m. Initiated – Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting Greenwich Road – Report Taken

Sunday, April 4
10:12 a.m. Phone – Vandalism Greenwich Road – Report Taken
10:47 a.m. 911 – Disabled Motor Vehicle Main Street – Services Rendered
11:06 a.m. Initiated – Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting Greenwich Road – Report Taken
7:10 p.m. Phone – Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting Greenwich Road – Officer Handled
10:02 p.m. Phone – Complaint Taylor Street – Spoken To

Monday, April 5
3:13 a.m. Phone – Alarm Church Street – Checked/Secured
5:40 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Jackson Road – Services Rendered

Warren Police Log

Sunday, March 28
8:52 a.m. Unconscious/Unresponsive/Syncope Main Street – Transported to Hospital
10:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Larceny Main Street – Property Return
10:37 a.m. Illegal Dumping Old West Warren Road – Services Rendered
5:04 p.m. Animal Bite Coy Hill Road – Investigated
6:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
8:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
9:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued

Monday, March 29
12:55 p.m. Sick/Unknown Main Street – Transported to Hospital
2:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Citation Issued
4:35 p.m. Recreational Vehicle Complaint Bacon Street – Report Filed
6:14 p.m. Traffic Safety Main Street – Services Rendered
7:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning
7:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Street – Written Warning

Tuesday, March 30
1:32 p.m. Fraud/Forgery Chapel Street – Report Filed
3:11 p.m. Animal Bite Town Farm Road – Report Filed
5:20 p.m. Harassment Milton O. Fountain Way – Report Filed
9 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning
9:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning
9:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Ware Road – Written Warning

9:53 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning
Wednesday, March 31
11:47 a.m. Larceny/Theft Pleasant Street – Officer Spoke to Party
5:34 p.m. Falls Parkview Street – Ambulance Signed Refusal
6:19 p.m. Harassing/Annoying Phone Calls Brimfield Road – Officer Spoke to Party
7:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning
8:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning

Thursday, April 1
11:57 a.m. Illegal Dumping Gilbert Road – Information Given
2:21 p.m. Fraud/Forgery Milton O. Fountain Way – Report Filed
5:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Old West Brookfield Road – Written Warning
7:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning
9:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Maple Street – Written Warning
9:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Pursuit Boston Post Road – Criminal Complaint

Friday, April 2
4:40 a.m. Diabetic Yankee Drummer Drive – Ambulance Signed Refusal
4:26 p.m. Serve Warrant Quaboag Street – Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Rodney E. Witkos III, 31, Warren
Fugitive from Justice on Court Warrant
6:09 p.m. Serve Warrant Cottage Street – Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Philip J. Steiger, 37, West Warren
Warrant
6:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning

Editor’s Note: People in this country are presumed to be innocent until found guilty in a court of law. Police provide us with the information you read on this page as public record information. If you or any suspect listed here is found not guilty or has charges dropped or reduced, we will gladly print that information as a follow-up upon being presented with documented proof of the court’s final disposition.

7:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
7:25 p.m. Unattended Death Main Street – Services Rendered
10:14 p.m. Seizures Southbridge Road – Transported to Hospital

Saturday, April 3
12:39 a.m. Overdose/Poisoning Town Farm Road – Transported to Hospital
10:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/Fire Main Street – Transported to Hospital
Summons: Michael J. Lawson, 44, Bondsville
Speeding; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle
5:10 p.m. Falls Pine Street – Ambulance Signed Refusal
5:13 p.m. Falls Hawkes Road – No Transport Required
7:40 p.m. Fire, Illegal Burn Chapel Street – Investigated
11:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road Extension – Written Warning

Smola announces grants for local fire departments

BOSTON – State Rep. Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) is pleased to announce that the Sturbridge, Brimfield, Palmer, Wales and Ware Fire Departments have been awarded funding for additional equipment.
As part of the F21 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant Program, Ware will receive \$12,500, Sturbridge will receive \$12,500; Brimfield will receive \$10,000, Wales will receive \$8,423 and Palmer will receive \$12,449.
“The first responders in our community face every imaginable type of danger,” said Representative Smola. “These grants will help them be better protected and demonstrates how grateful we are for their dedicated service.”
This competitive grant program enables fire departments to purchase a variety of equipment that will make firefighters’ jobs safer, including protective firefighting gear, ther-

mal imaging cameras, radios, rescue equipment, and gear washers and dryers. The funding is part of a \$25 million bond bill to support firefighter health and safety over the next five years.
Fire departments in Massachusetts were able to apply to this program for 114 different types of eligible equipment, including personal protective clothing, gear washers and dryers, thermal imaging cameras, assorted hand tools and extrication equipment, communications resources, hazardous gas meters, fitness equipment, and more.
Firefighters face not only the well-known risks of fire, smoke, and hazardous materials, but also long-term health risks of occupational cancer associated with the exposure to fire by-products, and debilitating physical injuries due to the strenuous nature of their work. For additional information please contact Smola at Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov or 617-722-2100.

New Braintree

During the weeks of March 29-April 5, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 30 building/property checks, 17 directed/area patrols, 12 radar assignments, seven traffic controls, two emergency 911 calls, three motor vehicle stops, one stolen motor vehicle and one safety hazard in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, March 29
1:22 p.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Moore Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency

Wednesday, March 31
1:09 p.m. Phone – Stolen Motor Vehicle Bernard Whitney Road – Spoken To
4:53 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Oakham Road – Services Rendered

Sunday, April 4
12:53 a.m. Phone – Medical Alarm Hardwick Road – Services Rendered
5:09 a.m. 911 – Misdial Sibley Road – Spoken To

Scout potato take-out fundraiser for Philmont High Adventure Base trip

WARE – Boy Scout Troop 281 Philmont Crew 2022 is hold a baked potato take-out fundraiser on May 8, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., at All Saints Church Hall on North Street.
The cost is \$8 per person for advanced sales and \$10 per person at the door. The take-out dinner includes a huge potato, with all the fixings, a drink and dessert. The fixings include butter, sour cream, green onion, bacon, cheese, chili and broccoli. There will also be a raffle table and a 50/50 raffle, and winners will be contacted.
Text or call Dan at 413-297-5886 or Paul at 413-214-1776, or email scoutdad281@charter.net. All proceeds will go toward the crew’s trip to Philmont High Adventure Base in New Mexico.

obituaries

Frank L. Edwards



WARE – Frank L. Edwards, 28, of Ware, died on Saturday, April 3, 2021, after being suddenly stricken ill while at work. He leaves his wife, Emily Edwards, and their son, Dakota R. Edwards; his parents, James T. Edwards and his wife, Jessica, of Ware; his three uncles Adonis Edwards, Raymond Edwards and Frank Edwards, three sisters, Amanda M. Courchesne, and her husband, Eric, Caryn E. Edwards, and Kimberly Edwards, and her fiancé, John Rough; his sister-in-law, Shelby Faith, as well as nieces Heaven-lee, Christine and Rita, along with nephews, John Jr., Hunter, James, Jack and Austin, as well as many friends.

Frank was a graduate of Ware High School, and a partner owner of All Sat Trucking Company LLC, in Palmer.

Larger than life, Frank was a gentle giant of a man. He enjoyed fishing and was a member of the Swift River Sportsmans Club in Belchertown. He loved trucks, turtles, coffee with lots of sugar, little Debbie snacks, Big Y chocolate milk, anchors and music; where he was an aspiring musician playing the guitar and drums, while teaching his

Death notices

Edwards, Frank L.
Died: April 3, 2021
Future Celebration of Life

Topor, Randy Stanley
Died: April 5, 2021
Private funeral service

Whitcomb, Robert L.
Died: April 4, 2021
Private funeral service

Whitman, Charles L.
Died: March 14, 2021
Future Celebration of Life

son the chords he knew. Of all his loves though, it was Emily and Dakota who he held closest to his heart.

A Celebration of Frank’s Life is being planned for a later date where all may attend.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104 or www.shriners-hospitalsforchildren.org/springfield.

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware, is assisting his family with arrangements. An online guest book is available at charbonneauh.com.

OBITUARY POLICY

Ware River News

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$100, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph. **Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

Randy S. Topor

WARE – Randy Stanley Topor (Tope), 58, of Ware, passed away on April 5, after a heroic battle with cancer. A lifelong resident of Ware, he attended St. Mary’s School and Ware High School, graduating in 1980. He attended the Police Training Academy in Agawam and was appointed to the Ware Police Department part-time in June of 1984 and then full time in July of 1987. Randy was appointed interim sergeant in April of 2015, and remained an officer until his retirement in November of 2019.

Randy is survived by his daughter, Alexia Jordan Topor, of Ware, former wife, Kelly McDonell, of Ware, his stepson, Tyler McDonell, partner, Nikki Stevens, and granddaughter, Ahria, of Ware, brother, Michael, of Kingsland, Georgia, sister, Lorrie Stanley, of Old Orchard Beach, Maine, and many loved nieces and nephews. Randy is predeceased by his father, Edward Topor, his stepmother, Gail Topor,

and beloved Great Dane English Mastiff, Walter.

He was known for his upbeat and positive personality. He was always willing to help anyone. He was frugal, fair, modest and hated phonies. He had excellent relationships with the youth of Ware. He loved to hunt, fish, garden and meticulously care for his lawn. He always looked forward to game night with his daughter and friends be it cribbage, Yatzee, or Rummy. He had a passion for lottery tickets which he would scratch like doing surgery.

Randy was an excellent athlete playing both football and baseball for Ware High School, captaining the football team his senior year. He continued his love of sports playing for the Polish Hall in a men’s softball league. A particularly proud moment for him in his sports history was the opportunity he had to try out for the Houston

Astros. Randy was an avid Red Sox and Bruins fan and would delight in attending games.

He was a member of the Ware Foundry, Club 12, the Weir River Club, and the Gabriel Narutowicz Club. Randy spent his life in service to keep the people of Ware safe and secure. The best day of his life was when his daughter was born. He treasured spending time with her and creating memories. His love for her was his pride and joy.

There may be a private service at a future date. Memorial donations may be made to the Ware Police Department Gift Account, 22 North Street Ware, MA 01082.

“Have a beer,” Randy recently said, “and toast to my life, not grieve my death.”

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware, is assisting family with arrangements.



Robert L. Whitcomb



WARE – Robert L. “Bob” Whitcomb, 75, of Ware, died on Sunday, April 4, 2021, at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center following a brief illness with cancer.

He leaves his beloved wife of 19 years, Suzanne M. (Ando) Whitcomb, sister, Suellen Stott, and her husband, Thomas, of New Braintree, sisters-in-law, Cheryl Dupre, of Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, and Laurie Ando, of Leominster. He was predeceased by his sister and brother, and brother-in-law, Richard Dupre, of Murrells Inlet, South Carolina. He was born in Ware, son of the late Everett and Bertha (Lyman) Whitcomb, and lived here most of his adult life.

At age 20, Mr. Whitcomb was inducted into the United States Army, serving during the Vietnam War. Among other medals, he was awarded the Purple Heart for having been wounded in combat. He was very proud of his country and his service. He remained active in the former VFW Post 2577 and the American

Legion Post 123, of Ware, serving as Commander and Post Historian, respectively.

Robert worked at Kanzaki Specialty Papers for 42 years, seven months and one day. His words.

He was a kind, loving and helpful to all. He loved his German Shepherd dogs, Levi and Lacey. Bob loved to travel to vacation



destinations that included beaches and casinos. He enjoyed Texas Hold ‘Em and Scat card games. He was an avid sports fan of NASCAR, football and baseball.

Due to COVID-19 capacity restrictions, a private, by invitation only funeral service with military honors, will be held at the Massachusetts Veterans’ Memorial Cemetery, in Agawam, where he will be laid to rest.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity, Veterans Build Program, 268 Cold Spring Ave., West Springfield, MA 01089 or at www.habitatspringfield.org

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware, is assisting the family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at charbonneauh.com.

Charles L. Whitman



WEST BROOKFIELD – Charles L. Whitman, age 84, died peacefully at his home on Sunday, March 14.

He is survived by his wife, Carol, his son, Carl Whitman, and his wife, Leanne, of Evanston, Wyoming, grandsons, Mark, and wife, Jennifer, Carol Whitman Jr., and great-grandsons Carter and Ayden, all of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Also, sisters, Claudia Kenady, of Oakland, California, Shirley Wilk, of Thorndike, and Ruth Lyone of West Brookfield, and several nieces and nephews.

He was born in Ayer, the son of Charles L. and Isabel A. Whitman; he moved with his family to West Brookfield in 1940, and later to Warren.

He attended local schools and UMass Amherst. His six years of service in the U.S. Army included service in Germany and Vietnam.

He later graduated from Pioneer Valley School of Nursing, retiring from that caring profession to his West Brookfield home in 2001.

Charlie was known as a many of many talents. He entertained as an accomplished pianist while still a teenager; his music charmed audiences, friends and relatives throughout his life. A notable wit, he was a poet and writer, distributing verbal bouquets or brickbats with accuracy, ability, and at times, acerbity. He loved teaching piano, fishing, gardening and spending time with his family and friends. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to Second Chance Animal Shelter, 11 Young Road, East Brookfield, MA, 01515 or go online to www.SecondChance.org.



Tri-Parish Community Church news

NEW BRAintree – “Praise to the Lord the Almighty” rang out the organ played by Deborah Kent as the Tri-Parish Community Church celebrated Easter morning at the New Braintree Congregational Church. The guest minister, Rev. Kathleen Fitzgibbons delighted the children with newly-planted tulips and a story, “Mysteries.”

As the Tri-Parish continues its quest for a part-time pastor, Fitzgibbons will be with it for one more week, April 11, at 10 a.m., in the New Braintree Congregational Church. Again, all continue to be welcome. Masks must be worn and social distancing guidelines followed.

The next Zoom business meeting of the Tri-Parish will be April 15, at 6 p.m. If anyone would like to participate, they may send their information to tchisholm527@gmail.com.

public notices

LEGAL NOTICE

The Ware Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **April 14, 2021, at 6:30PM** pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. 131 c40. The hearing will include consideration of a **Notice of Intent (NOI) by MRT Development, Llc, for construction of a new single family dwelling at 14 Coldbrook Drive, Parcel 14-9-33.** Said hearing will be held in the Selectmen’s Meeting Room, Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082. To view application and related plans, contact the Conservation office at 413-967-9648 x117. 04/08/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

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WARREN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Special Permit Application No. 299 Site Plan Approval No. 65

Pursuant to MGL, Chapter 40A, NOTICE is hereby given that the Warren Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority, will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, April 26, 2021 at 7:15 PM** on the application of **81 South Street, LLC,** seeking a Special Permit under Section 3.25.1 of the Town of Warren Zoning Bylaws. The Hearing will be held via digital platform Zoom Meeting.

SITE LOCATION: The subject property is located on South Street in West Warren, MA. The property is also known as

Assessor’s Map 21, Lots 40,45,46,47,48,51 and is located in the Village and MCOD District.

SUBJECT: The Applicant is requesting to change the Use from Manufacturing or Industrial to Warehouse and Storage Facility. The proposed use requires a Special Permit and Site Plan.

A complete copy of the application may be inspected in the Office of the Planning Board or the Town Clerk during normal business hours. Anyone interested or wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated. All interested parties are invited to attend **via Zoom.** <https://join.zoom.us> Meeting ID: 869 2706 4530

Passcode: 784772
Phone # 646-558-8656
Warren Planning Board
Derick R. Veliz, Chairman
04/08, 04/15/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

The Ware Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **April 14, 2021, at 6:30PM** pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. 131 c40. The hearing will include consideration of a **Notice of Intent (NOI) by Coffey Hill Properties, Llc, for construction of a new single family dwelling at Coffey Hill Road, Parcel 19-0-43.** Said hearing will be held in the Selectmen’s Meeting Room, Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082. To view application and related plans, contact the Conservation office at 413-967-9648 x117. 04/08/2021

Also a second certain tract of land in said Ware, more particularly described as lots numbered 138 and 139 in the Prospect Park Tract, the same in size and location in accordance with Map or Plan of said Tract now on file with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 642, Pages 432 and 433, to which reference is made for a more particular description.

Joining in this conveyance is the said Celia Wyzik of said Ware, and thereby she releases her right to put a trailer or mobile home on parcel described immediately above, and any other rights reserved to her as Grantor under Quitclaim Deed of December 13, 1988 recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 3301, Page 262, which serves as title reference concerning the Grantors in regard to this second tract.

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For our title to this above parcel see Quitclaim Deed from Steven Edward Wyzik and Celia Wyzik to Grantors under date of February 23, 1977 and recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 1937, Page 81.

The Board is proposing to amend:

Section 1.4 Definitions.

Section 3.2 Schedule of Use Regulations.

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Section 5.2 Variances.

Section 12 Solar Energy.

Add Section 16 Wind Energy 16.1 Temporary Moratorium on the Construction of Wind Energy Facilities.

The proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment is available for review at the office of the Town Clerk or by contacting the Planning Office at 413-436-5701 ext. 260. The Board invites all interested parties to attend via zoom and offer comments on the proposed zoning amendment.

Derick R Veliz, Chairman
04/01, 04/08/2021

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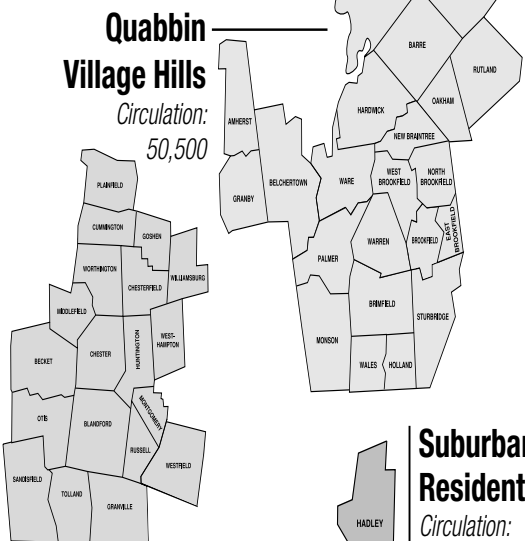
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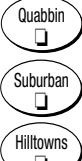
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